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CONSTRUCTION OF THIRD TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILROAD RUMORED

It is rumored that the Soviet Union is building a new Trans-Siberian railroad line.

Although no specific information is available as to whether the new line will pass through inhabited areas or whether it will be economically profitable for the USSR, the military and strategic significance of the new line must not be underestimated.

There is little doubt that the new railroad will cross regions in Siberia which are richer in petroleum than Baku and that it will terminate in the vicinity of the Ural Mountains.

At one time during World War II it was reported that the Trans-Siberian railroad consisted of four double-track lines. Although this figure may be an exaggeration, it is virtually certain that the Trans-Siberian railroad consists of two double-track lines.

If it is true that another railroad is under construction, it may be assumed that it too will be a double-track line. Hence, the USSR will soon have three double-track lines connecting Russia with the Far East.

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